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On instructions from my Government and further to our earlier letters concerning Israel's attacks on southern Lebanon and the Western Bekaa and the arbitrary practices against the civilian inhabitants in which it engages on a daily basis, I have the honour to notify you of the series of such incidents that took place in March 1998.

1 March 1998

At 0300 hours the Lahad militia, Israel's client, proceeded to fire mortar shells at Wadi Bisri from Rum hill.

At 0350 hours Israeli forces strafed areas around their position on Dibbiyah hill with medium-weapons fire.

At 0725 hours an Israeli gunboat at sea off Bayadah fired bursts in different directions.

At 1130 hours the militia of the minion Lahad prevented the inhabitants of Tayyibah from crossing into the liberated areas by way of the Kafr Tibnit crossing.

At 1130 hours the militia of the minion Lahad strafed the area around Rum with medium-weapons fire.

At 1310 hours Israeli forces and the militia of the minion Lahad fired a number of shells. They fell in areas along the Nab' al-Tasah.

2 March 1998

At 0015 hours the militia of the minion Lahad fired mortar shells from Dahr al-Mashnaqah. They fell in Wadi Bisri.

At 1025 hours the militia of the minion Lahad directed bursts of fire at the Mu'aytah woodland from Dahr al-Mashnaqah.

At 1050 hours an Israeli helicopter landed at Qal'at al-Shaqif (Chateau de Beaufort).

3 March 1998

At 1230 hours the militia of the minion Lahad and Israeli forces fired artillery shells and directed bursts of fire at Mazra'at Umqata, areas along the Nab' al-Tasah, Jabal Safi and outlying areas of Mlikh from their positions on Sujud hill and in Zafatah, Razlan and Ksarat al-Urush.

At 2055 hours the militia of the minion Lahad fired mortar shells at areas along the Litani River and outlying areas of Zawtar al-Gharbiyah from its position at Sal'ah.

At 2345 hours hostile aircraft flew over the sea off Sarafand and outlying areas of Naqurah, Tayr Harfa and Bayadah.

4 March 1998

At 1020 hours Israeli warplanes overflew northern Mount Lebanon, the Bekaa and the South at high altitudes.

At 1050 hours elements under the minion Lahad erected a barrier on the main road at Rum and proceeded to search vehicles and to examine identity documents.

At 1320 hours the militia of the minion Lahad fired shells at Jabal Bi'r al-Dahr from its position in Ayn Qinya.

At 1400 hours hostile warplanes overflew the South at high altitudes.

At 1545 hours an Israeli helicopter strafed areas around the Israeli position on Dabshah hill with medium-weapons fire.

At 1720 and 2000 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft overflew the South, the Shuf and Asi at high altitudes.

At 1800 and 1900 hours two Israeli helicopters flew over Alman and Qal'at al-Shaqif (Chateau de Beaufort).

At 1930 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South.

At 2040 hours the militia of the minion Lahad strafed areas around its position in Zimriya with medium-weapons fire.

5 March 1998

At 0045 hours an Israeli helicopter fired two air-to-surface missiles at outlying areas of Haddatha.

At 0100 hours Israeli forces fired artillery shells from their position at the entrance to Mays al-Jabal. They fell in outlying areas of Haddatha.

At 0145 hours Israeli forces strafed areas around their position at Qal'at al-Shaqif (Chateau de Beaufort).

At 0445 hours an Israeli gunboat at sea off Mansuri fired shots in various directions.

At 0645 hours two helicopters strafed outlying areas of Haddatha with medium-weapons fire.

At 0725 hours Israeli forces fired artillery shells at outlying areas of Haddatha from Tall Ya'qub.

At 0830 hours elements of the militia of the minion Lahad proceeded to strafe areas around the Zimriya crossing with light-weapons fire.

At 1010 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft flew over the Nabatiyah area.

At 1030 hours the militia of the minion Lahad fired shells at Jabal Sujud and Jabal al-Rafi' from Sujud hill and Razlan hill.

At 1130 hours an Israeli helicopter overflew areas along the Litani River.

At 1130 hours the militia of the minion Lahad strafed areas around its position on Ali al-Tahir hill with medium-weapons fire.

At 1415 hours elements of the Lahad militia, Israel's client, fired shells at Jabal Sujud, Jabal al-Rafi', Mazra'at Uqmata and Mlita hill from Sujud hill, Ksarat al-Urush and Shurayfah.

At 1555 hours Israeli forces on Dabshah hill directed bursts of fire at areas around Nabatiyah al-Fawqa.

At 1600 hours the Lahad militia directed bursts of fire at Wadi Bisri from Rum hill.

At 1600 hours shells fired by Israeli forces in Ksarat al-Urush fell on the road between Jarju' and Luwayzah.

At 1620 hours Israeli forces strafed areas around their position on Dabshah hill with medium-weapons fire.

At 1318 hours Israeli forces in Shaqif fired illumination flares over areas along the Litani River.

At 1855 hours Israeli forces in Ksarat al-Urush fired shells at areas along the Nab' al-Tasah.

At 2025 hours two Israeli helicopters overflew Qal'at al-Shaqif (Chateau de Beaufort) and Dayr Siryan.

At 2145 hours artillery shells fired by Israeli forces fell in outlying areas of Ghanduriyah.

6 March 1998

At 0120 hours Israeli forces in the occupied strip fired illumination flares over Ahmadiyah hill.

At 0700 hours the militia of the minion Lahad directed bursts of fire at Qasr Ghandur in Nabatiyah al-Fawqa from Ali al-Tahir hill.

At 0830 hours the militia of the minion Lahad directed bursts of fire at Jabal Bi'r al-Dahr from Zimriya hill.

At 0835 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired shells and directed bursts of fire at Nabatiyah al-Fawqa from their positions on Dabshah hill and Ali al-Tahir hill.

At 1100 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired shells at Mazra'at Uqmata, the Mu'aytah woodland and Wadi Bisri from Dabshah hill, Razlan hill and Rum hill.

At 1130 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft overflew the South at high altitude.

At 1315 hours Israeli forces fired shells from the entrance to Mays al-Jabal. They fell in outlying areas of Haddatha.

At 1600 hours the militia of the minion Lahad strafed areas around its position on Rum hill with medium-weapons fire.

At 1440 hours an Israeli command aircraft flew over the sea off Tyre at high altitude.

At 1900 hours shells fired by Israeli forces and the militia of the minion Lahad at the entrance to Mays al-Jabal and in Tallusah fell in outlying areas of Majdal Silm.

At 2045 hours Israeli forces fired shells from Ksarat al-Urush. They fell in Wadi al-Sabbaghin.

9 March 1998

At 0100 hours the Lahad militia directed several bursts of fire at the Mu'aytah woodland from Rum hill.

At 0350 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft overflew Nabatiyah and Iqlim al-Tuffah.

At 0525 hours the militia of the minion Lahad directed bursts of fire at Jabal Sujud.

At 0810 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft overflew the South and the Western Bekaa.

At 0950 hours the militia of the minion Lahad and Israeli forces strafed areas around Dabshah hill and Rum hill with light-weapons fire.

At 1010 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South.

At 1250 hours the Lahad militia directed a number of bursts of fire at Jabal Safi from its position on Sujud hill.

At 1230 hours Israeli warplanes overflew coastal areas of the Shuf.

At 1310 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft overflew the South.

At 1325 hours the Lahad militia fired mortar shells at Mlita from Razlan hill and Sujud hill.

At 1345 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South and the Western Bekaa.

At 1520 hours an Israeli command aircraft overflew Tyre.

At 1615 hours Majdal Zun came under Israeli artillery fire.

At 1710 hours Israeli forces fired artillery shells at outlying areas of Yatar.

At 2130 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft overflew the South.

At 2230 hours Israeli forces and elements of the militia of the minion Lahad directed bursts of fire at the Mu'aytah woodland and Wadi Bisri.

At 2230 hours two Israeli helicopters overflew the Tyre area.

10 March 1998

At 0430 hours an Israeli gunboat at sea off Mansuri directed bursts of fire in various directions.

At 0620 hours Israeli forces fired shells at outlying areas of Yatar from Jabal Balat.

At 0925 hours Israeli forces and the militia of the minion Lahad strafed areas around their positions on Jabal Balat and Sujud hill with machine-gun fire.

At 1010 hours Israeli forces and the militia of the minion Lahad strafed areas around their positions on Dabshah hill and Ali al-Tahir hill with machine-gun fire.

At 1015 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the Western Bekaa.

At 1240 hours Israeli forces and the militia of the minion Lahad fired artillery shells at outlying areas of Mazra'at al-Hamra and Yatar from their positions in Zafatah and Tall Ya'qub.

At 1305 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft overflew Nabatiyah and Sidon.

At 1410 hours an Israeli helicopter overflew areas along the Litani River and Zawtar al-Gharbiyah.

At 1420 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South.

At 1640 hours Lahad militia elements fired artillery shells at Kafr Tibnit, Zawtar al-Gharbiyah and Jabal Safi from Zafatah.

At 1755 hours Israeli forces fired 14 artillery shells at Jabal Bi'r al-Dahr from Abu Qamhah.

At 2010 hours Israeli forces and the militia of the minion Lahad fired artillery shells at Mazra'at al-Hamra and Mazra'at Uqmata from Shurayfah, Shaqif and Dabshah hill.

At 2350 hours Israeli forces fired two mortar shells at Mazra'at Uqmata from Ksarat al-Urush.

12 March 1998

At 0600 hours Israeli forces fired shells from Tall Ya'qub. They fell in areas along the Zahrani River and outlying areas of Ghaziyah.

At 0900 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft overflew the South at high altitude.

At 0950 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South and the Western Bekaa.

At 1025 hours an Israeli helicopter overflew Qal'at al-Shaqif (Chateau de Beaufort), Ali al-Tahir and areas along the Litani River.

At 1030 hours the militia of the minion Lahad directed bursts of fire at Qasr Ghandur from its positions on Tahrah hill and Ali al-Tahir hill.

At 1245 hours the militia of the minion Lahad fired several bursts at Qasr Ghandur, the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah, from its positions on Ali al-Tahir hill and Dabshah hill.

At 1515 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired shells at outlying areas of Luwayzah and Jabal Safi from Ksarat al-Urush and Sujud hill.

At 1535 hours hostile forces and the army of the minion Lahad fired artillery shells at Mlita hill, Mazra'at Uqmata, areas along the Nab' al-Tasah and Jabal Safi.

At 1800 hours the Lahad militia directed bursts of fire at Wadi Bisri and areas around Dahr al-Mashnaqah from its positions at Dahr al-Mashnaqah and on Anan hill.

At 2325 hours, Israeli forces fired shells from their position at the entrance to Mays al-Jabal. They fell in outlying areas of Haddatha.

13 March 1998

At 0615 hours Israeli forces and the militia of the minion Lahad fired a number of artillery shells from their positions at the entrance to Mays al-Jabal. They fell in outlying areas of Haddatha.

At 0700 hours Israeli forces fired a number of artillery shells from their position at Tall Ya'qub. They fell in outlying areas of Yatar.

At 1215 hours Israeli forces fired a number of shells at outlying areas of Mansuri and Majdal Zun.

At 1340 hours Israeli forces and the militia of the minion Lahad fired artillery shells at Jabal al-Rafi', Mazra'at Uqmata and Mazra'at al-Hamra from their positions in Zafatah and Ksarat al-Urush.

At 1350 hours Israeli forces fired shells from their position at the entrance to Mays al-Jabal. They fell in outlying areas of Haris.

At 1730 hours the militia of the minion Lahad fired a number of shells at Wadi Bisri from its position on Rum hill.

At 1820 hours two Israeli helicopters overflew Jabal al-Rafi', Dabshah hill and areas along the Litani River.

At 1920 hours the militia of the minion Lahad strafed areas around its position on Anan hill and directed bursts of fire at Wadi Bisri.

At 2110 hours the militia of the minion Lahad directed bursts of fire at Wadi Bisri from its position on Anan hill.

At 2130 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired artillery shells at outlying areas of Yatar and Sribbin from their positions at Tall Ya'qub and Ruways.

At 2210 hours the militia of the minion Lahad directed bursts of fire at areas along the Litani River and outlying areas of Kafr Rumman from Zafatah hill.

14 March 1998

At 1130 hours Israeli forces and the militia under them fired several 120-mm and 81-mm mortar shells at Qal'at Mlita, Jabal al-Rafi' and Shumariyah and at outlying areas of Majdal Zun and Zibqin from their positions on Sujud hill and at Shuraytah, Qusayr and Tall Ya'qub.

At 1255 hours Israeli forces directed a number of bursts of fire from 12.7-mm weapons at the area around Qasr Ghandur in Nabatiyah.

At 1350 hours Israeli forces and the militias under them fired 155-mm artillery shells at Jabal al-Dahr from their positions in Ayn Qinya and Abu Qamhah.

At 1835 hours the Lahad militia fired four mortar shells at Wadi Bisri from its positions on Rum hill and Anan hill.

At 2215 hours Israeli forces and the militia under them fired a number of 120-mm and 81-mm mortar shells at the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah and areas along the Litani River from their positions on Tahrah hill and Dabshah hill.

15 March 1998

Between 1000 and 1600 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South.

At 1720 hours the Lahad militia fired a number of 81-mm shells at outlying areas of Jun from its position on Rum hill.

At 1950 hours the Lahad militia fired two illumination flares over outlying areas of Mansuri from its position on Hirdhun hill.

At 2030 hours Israeli forces strafed areas around their position at Qal'at al-Shaqif (Chateau de Beaufort).

At 2235 hours the Lahad militia fired a number of 120-mm mortar shells at Mazra'at Uqmata from its position on Sujud hill.

16 March 1998

At 1140 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired a number of 120-mm shells at Mazra'at Uqmata, Mlita hill and areas along the Nab' al-Tasah from their positions on Sujud hill.

At 1500 hours Israeli forces fired seven 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Yatar and Majdal Zun from their position at Tall Ya'qub.

At 1700 hours Israeli forces strafed areas around their position on Dabshah hill.

At 1705 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired a number of 155-mm and 120-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Hujayr and outlying areas of Mayfadun from their positions in Zafatah and Shurayfah.

17 March 1998

At 0200 and 0600 hours the Lahad militia fired a number of artillery shells at areas along the Zahrani River and Wadi Habbush.

18 March 1998

At 0450 hours the Lahad militia directed bursts of fire at Wadi Habbush from Suwayda hill.

At 0650 hours Israeli forces strafed areas around their position at Qal'at al-Shaqif (Chateau de Beaufort).

At 1545 hours a Lahad militia patrol strafed both sides of the road at Suwayda hill.

At 1700 hours Israeli forces fired two 120-mm mortar shells at Mazra'at Uqmata from their position in Ksarat al-Urush.

At 1800 hours the Lahad militia fired a number of 81-mm shells at areas along the Zahrani River.

At 2345 hours the Lahad militia directed several bursts of medium-weapons fire at outlying areas of Kafr Rumman from its positions on Suwayda hill and Tahrah hill.

19 March 1998

At 0555 hours Israeli forces fired several 155-mm shells at outlying areas of Yatar, Zibqin, Bra'shit and Tibnin from their position at Tall Ya'qub.

At 1330 hours Israeli forces directed several bursts of fire towards the sea from their position at Ra's al-Bayadah.

At 1735 hours Israeli forces fired seven 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Yatar from their position at Tall Ya'qub.

At 1740 hours the Lahad militia directed several bursts of fire at outlying areas of Kafr Rumman from its position on Suwayda hill.

At 1925 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired several 155-mm and 81-mm shells at areas along the Zahrani River and Al-Wadi al-Akhdar from their positions at Tall Ya'qub and on Suwayda hill and Tahrah hill.

At 2115 hours the Lahad militia fired five 120-mm shells at Marj Bisri from its position at Sfariyah.

20 March 1998

At 0500 hours an Israeli boat at sea off Qulaylah fired several bursts of fire in different directions.

At 12'5 hours Israeli helicopters overflew Jabal Ayn al-Tinah and Tumat Niha.

At 1430 hours Israeli forces fired three 155-mm shells at outlying areas of Majdal Zun and Zibqin from their position at Tall Ya'qub.

At 1715 hours Israeli forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Mansuri, Majdal Zun and Yatar.

21 March 1998

Between 0350 and 0630 hours Israeli forces fired 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas Yatar, Majdal Zun, Mayfadun, Shukin, Kafr Rumman and Kafr Tibnit from their position on Dabshah hill.

At 1310 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired several 155-mm and 81-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Yatar from their positions at Tall Ya'qub and on Sujud hill.

At 1440 hours Israeli forces fired several 155-mm and 120-mm artillery shells at Mazra'at Uqmata from their positions at Zafata and Ksarat al-Urush.

At 1635 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired several artillery shells at Mazra'at Uqmata and areas around Sujud hill from their positions at Zafatah and Ayshiyah.

At 1700 hours the Lahad militia directed several bursts of artillery fire at Wadi Bisri from its position on Anan hill.

22 March 1998

At 0110 hours the Lahad militia directed several bursts of fire at Jabal al-Rafi' from its position on Suwayda hill.

Between 0800 and 1000 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South, the Bekaa, the North and Mount Lebanon, breaking the sound barrier as they did so.

At 1010 hours Israeli forces fired four 81-mm mortar shells at the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah from their position on Dabshah hill.

At 1600 hours Israeli forces fired seven 105-mm shells at outlying areas of Yatar, Mansuri and Majdal Zun from their positions at Tall Ya'qub.

At 1330 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft flew over Jabal Bi'r al-Dahr.

At 1740 hours the Lahad militia fired 81-mm shells at Wadi Bisri.

Between 1720 and 1910 hours two Israeli helicopters and a number of reconnaissance aircraft overflew Iqlim al-Tuffah, Nabatiyah, Qilya, Dallafah, Maydun and Tumat Niha.

At 1900 hours two Israeli helicopters overflew Iqlim al-Kharrub and the Shuf area at medium altitude.

23 March 1998

At 0045 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at areas around the Habbush bridge and along the Zahrani River.

At 0605 hours Israeli forces fired three 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Yatar from their position at Tall Ya'qub.

At 1610 hours the Lahad militia fired seven 155-mm artillery shells at areas along the Zahrani River from its positions at Zafatah.

At 0940 hours Lahad militia elements under the command of the lackey Wisam Safi Muruwwah arrested the citizen Mahdi Muhammad Ayyub near the Bayt Yahun crossing and took him inside the border strip.

At 1200 hours Israeli forces fired four 155-mm and eight 120-mm artillery shells at Jabal Bi'r al-Dahr from their position at Abu Qamhah.

At 1000 hours an Israeli military unit consisting of 12 soldiers with binoculars and maps reconnoitred the liberated areas from the earth embankment along the Mimis-Zaghlah road. They left at 1010 hours.

Between 0140 and 0555 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired several 155-mm and 81-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Yatar and Majdal Zun and at areas around Qasr Ghandur in Nabatiyah al-Fawqa from their positions at Tall Ya'qub and on Dabshah hill and Ali al-Tahir hill.

At 1755 hours the Lahad militia fired several 120-mm shells at areas along the Zahrani River from its position at Zafatah.

At 2100 hours Israeli forces fired a number of flares over areas along the Zahrani River and Zawtar al-Sharqiyah from their position at Tayyibah.

24 March 1998

At 0530 hours Israeli forces fired three 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Yatar from their position at Tall Ya'qub.

At 1230 hours the militia of the minion Lahad directed several bursts of fire at Wadi Mimis from its position on Zimriya hill.

At 1320 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired several 120-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Majdal Zun and Yatar from their positions at Tall Ya'qub, Zafatah and Ksarat al-Urush.

At 2100 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired several shells at Kafr Rumman and areas around the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah from their positions on Dabshah hill, Tahrah hill and Sujud hill.

Between 2120 and 2250 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft overflew the South at high altitude.

25 March 1998

At 0545 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Majdal Zun and Yatar and areas along the Zahrani River from their positions at Tall Ya'qub and Zafatah.

At 0735 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at Jabal Safi, Mazra'at Uqmata, Mlita hill, Jabal al-Rafi' and the Luwayzah vicinity from their positions in Zafatah, Shurayfah and Ksarat al-Urush.

Between 0800 and 1000 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft overflew the Nabatiyah and Iqlim al-Tuffah areas.

Between 1335 and 1725 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired 155-mm and 81-mm artillery shells at Wadi Bisri and outlying areas of Haddatha from their positions in Ksarat al-Urush, Zafatah and Mashnaqah.

Between 2055 and 2210 hours Israeli forces fired eight 155-mm artillery shells at Jabal al-Dahr from their positions at Abu Qamhah and Ibl al-Saqy.

26 March 1998

At 0815 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the Bekaa area at high altitudes.

At 0945 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired several 81-mm artillery shells at the outskirts of Bra'shit and outlying areas of Tibnin. Two citizens, Abbas Lutfi Zahwi and Husayn Ali Mulhim, were injured.

The Lahad militia's Bayt Yahun crossing remained closed to traffic in both directions.

Between 1205 and 1325 Israeli warplanes overflew the South at different altitudes.

Between 1520 and 1625 hours Israeli forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Yatar and Majdal Zun, at areas along the Nab' al-Tasah, and at Jabal Sujud and Mazra'at Uqmata from their positions at Tall Ya'qub and Shurayfah.

At 2240 hours Israeli forces fired three shells at areas of Jabal Sujud from their position in Ksarat al-Urush.

27 March 1998

Between 0555 and 0615 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired several 81-mm and 120-mm shells at Mazra'at Uqmata and Mlikh from their positions in Ksarat al-Urush and on Sujud hill.

At 0800 hours the Bayt Yahun crossing was opened to vehicles and pedestrians in both directions, having been closed since 26 March.

Between 0940 and 1040 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South and the Western Bekaa at high altitudes.

Between 1540 and 2120 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired several 81-mm shells at areas along the Nab' al-Tasah, Mlita hill and the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah from their positions on Dabshah hill, Sujud hill, Suwayda hill and Dahr al-Mashnaqah.

28 March 1998

Between 0530 and 0620 hours Israeli forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi Jush and outlying areas of Majdal Zun and Yatar from their positions at Zafatah and Tall Ya'qub and on Hirdhun hill.

At 0715 hours Israeli forces fired 15 155-mm shells at the Iqlim al-Tuffah area from their position at Abu Qamhah.

Between 1025 and 1110 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South, the Western Bekaa and Mount Lebanon at high altitudes.

At 1510 hours the Lahad militia directed several bursts of fire at Wadi Bisri from its position on Rum hill.

At 2215 hours the Lahad militia fired three 81-mm artillery shells. They fell near the premises of the Hariri company in Kafr Falus.

29 March 1998

The Lahad militia's Bayt Yahun crossing remained closed to traffic in both directions.

At 1605 hours Israeli forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Yatar and Majdal Zun from their position at Tall Ya'qub.

Between 2010 and 2110 hours Israeli helicopters and a reconnaissance aircraft overflew Tyre at various altitudes.

30 March 1998

At 0655 hours Israeli forces fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Yatar and Majdal Zun from their position at Tall Ya'qub.

At 1515 hours Israeli forces fired two 81-mm shells and several 155-mm shells at areas around Qasr Ghandur and outlying areas of Yatar and Majdal Zun from their positions on Dabshah hill and at Tall Ya'qub.

Between 1650 and 2110 hours the Lahad militia fired several 81-mm shells at the abandoned Army barracks in Nabatiyah and at Wadi Bisri from its positions on Ali al-Tahir hill and Rum hill.

31 March 1998

At 0930 hours the Lahad militia's security service expelled a certain Ghazalah Musa Isa to the liberated areas by way of the Hamra-Mansuri crossing.

Between 1000 and 1100 hours Israeli warplanes overflew the South and the Western Bekaa at high altitudes.

At 1130 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at outlying areas of Mansuri and Majdal Zun from their positions on Radar hill and Hamra hill.

At 1525 hours Israeli forces and the Lahad militia fired several 155-mm artillery shells at Wadi al-Qaysiyah and Saluqi from their positions at Tallusah, Qusayr and Mays al-Jabal.

Between 2200 and 2240 hours an Israeli reconnaissance aircraft overflew the Tibnin, Nabatiyah, Iqlim al-Tuffah and Sidon areas at high altitudes.

The Lebanese Government strongly condemns the continued Israeli occupation and the fresh attacks and arbitrary practices against the civilian Lebanese population that have left a number of wounded and caused further serious damage to property.

Like previous attacks, this new series is in flagrant violation of the sovereignty and independence of Lebanon and constitutes a breach of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, of international law and of basic human rights.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 37, and of the Security Council.

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